


COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 24, 2006 (BOS Work Session – 9/5/06)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Six-Year Secondary Road Improvement Program—FY2007-08 through FY2012-13

Issue

Every year the Board of Supervisors must review and adopt a priority listing for the use of the secondary road improvement funds projected to be allocated to York County over the next six years and a construction budget for the first year of the program (FY2007-08). The Code of Virginia requires that public comment be solicited through a duly advertised public hearing jointly conducted by the Board of Supervisors and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Following the public hearing, the Board recommends a priority listing to VDOT.

VDOT's internal policies require that Residency Administrators meet in a work session setting with the local governing bodies to discuss the Secondary System needs. Accordingly, Mr. Jim Brewer, Williamsburg Residency Administrator, will be available at the September 5th meeting to review the projects contained on the County's current Six-Year Secondary Plan and to discuss the proposed FY2007/08 Budget, future allocation projections and project schedules. Based on the Board's comments, and subsequent to making any adjustments requested by the Board, the proposed Six-year Plan and FY 2007/08 Budget will be scheduled for the required public hearing at a subsequent Board meeting before the end of the year.

Considerations

1. The six-year funding window allows projects to be prioritized such that engineering and right-of-way acquisition can proceed in advance of construction funding. In this manner, projects move through the program in a logical pattern that accommodates the often long lead times necessary to undertake significant improvements. Attachment 1 lists the projects that have been included on the Six-Year Secondary Plan between 1991 and 2006.
2. As the Board will recall, several years ago VDOT found it necessary to significantly reduce the allocations for Secondary System projects. In York County, allocations were reduced by 38% from the amounts that had been projected in 2001. The stressed budgetary conditions have continued and earlier this year the Commonwealth Transportation Board found it necessary to again reduce the projected allocations for the County – this time by approximately 36% less than the amounts projected last year for the six years of the plan. This

reverses, in a drastic way, the slightly upward trend (2004 to 2005) that was evident in last year's projected allocations. Attachment 2 compares the current and previously projected allocations for York County. Clearly, the diminished allocations (down 63% compared to 2001 levels) coupled with the increasing cost of road construction will continue to have significant, and in some cases fatal, impacts on project schedules.

3. The projects on the Secondary Six Year Plan adopted by the Board in November 2005 are listed on Attachment 3. Mr. Brewer will be prepared to discuss the status of each of these projects at the September 5th work session. Based on projected future allocations, it is clear that no new projects can be added unless one or more are dropped from the plan. In fact, to make progress on even a few of the listed projects will require that some on the existing list be dropped or put on indefinite hold.
4. The specific funding allocations tentatively proposed by Mr. Brewer for FY2007-08 budget year, and subject to the Board's approval, are as follows:

Project	Budgeted Amount 2007/08
Big Bethel Road turning lanes (Route 134 and Route 171)	\$699,808
Grafton Drive (connection to Rainbrook Villas entrance)	\$396,200
Lakeside Drive turning lanes	\$39,282
Total Countywide Allocation for incidentals (culverts, traffic services, plan review, etc.)	\$170,000
TOTAL	\$1,305,290

These allocations will allow the Board's highest priority projects to advance toward construction.

Should you have questions or need additional information prior to the work session, please let me know.

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Attachments

- Summary Listing of Projects (1991 to 2006)
- Six-Year Secondary System Allocations – Previous and Projected
- Six-Year Secondary Road Construction Priorities

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